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In re Application of:)	Art Unit: 1642
THOGERSEN, et al.)	Examiner: CANELLA, K.
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For: TRIMERISING MODULE)	Docket No.: THOGERSEN=1

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Prior to action on the merits, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2-18, 20, 21, 25-33, 35-39, 47-48, and 51-67.

Please amend claims 22, 23 and 24 to read as follows:

22 (amended). An trimeric polypeptide complex according to claim 68, wherein the at least one heterologous moiety which is positioned N-terminally to a TTSE and the at least one heterologous moiety which is positioned C-terminally to a TTSE are part of the same monomer polypeptide.

23 (amended). An trimeric polypeptide complex according to claim 68, wherein the at least one heterologous moiety which is positioned N-terminally to a TTSE and the at least one heterologous moiety which is positioned C-terminally to a TTSE are part of two separate monomer polypeptide.

24 (amended). An trimeric polypeptide complex according to claim 68 wherein each monomer polypeptide construct is designed so as to disfavour formation of trimers including two monomer polypeptide constructs having identical TTSEs.

Please add the following new claims:

68 (new). A trimeric polypeptide complex comprising three monomer polypeptides, wherein (i) each of said monomer

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